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Dear Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, the following information is submitted for consideration by the Office in the above application.

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<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
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Publications

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South Park Cartman Bonus Brochure	IGT	2000
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Description of Expanding Symbol	IGT	Undated
Mystery Mine Brochure	Konami Australia Pty. Ltd.	1998
Cash Chameleon Brochure	Aristocrat	2000
Description of Animating Symbol Feature in Gaming Machine	IGT	Undated
Description of Gaming Machine with Animating Symbols	IGT	Undated

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Respectfully submitted,

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